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The Director
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Washington, D.C. 20505

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The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Byrd:

25X1   I am responding to your letter of 16 February 1978
regarding [   ] As you indicate, [   ]   25X1
is employed in the Operations Directorate and is scheduled
to be retired on 30 March 1978 as a result of the position/
personnel reduction underway in the Operations Directorate
in this and the next fiscal year.

25X1   [   ] has been a good performer for the Agency and
has certain specialized skills which he has effectively used
during his current assignment on the Counterintelligence
Staff. In implementing this reduction it has been necessary
to separate officers at all grade levels, many of whom have
been and are also very capable performers. [   ] has   25X1
been a GS-13 since 1957 and, under the formula used to
identify officers for separation, he was ranked low among
his GS-13 peers and thus was marked for separation.

25X1   [   ] is eligible to retire now under the Agency
retirement system as he has over 34 years of Federal Service
beginning in September 1943. He has been scheduled for manda-
tory retirement in December 1978 and while under normal cir-
cumstances would have been permitted to remain until that
time in accord with his personal desires, the needs of the
Agency in the reduction process dictate the requirement for
his retirement prior to that date.

     I thank you for your interest and hope that we have
addressed your concerns.

                    Yours sincerely,

                    /s/ Stansfield Turner

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